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SUBJECT: USADB STAFFER LEFES PROJECT VISIT TO PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 7475

1. APPRECIATE RESPONSE REGARDING LEFES VISIT SCHEDULED AUGUST 21-31. AS A RESULT OF COMMENTS IN REFTEL AND FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH BANK OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ADB PROGRAMS IN PAKISTAN, WE HAVE REVISED SEVERAL SCHEDULED VISITS.

2. AS FAR AS THE TIMING OF THE VISIT IS CONCERNED, WE REVIEWED YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF RAMADAN AND WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY MR. M. R. KHAN, PAKISTAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT ADB NOT TO POSTPONE THE VISIT. THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADHERE TO THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE OF AUGUST 21-31.

3. REVISED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT VISITS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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- MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - KARACHI - BRIEFING BY KESC, VISIT KARONGI POWER PLANT AND PORT QASIM

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - BRIEFING BY PICIC AND MDFC OFFICIALS AND VISIT ADB-FINANCED FISHERIES PROJECT

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - KARACHI TO MULTAN, 0800-0910

PK334, VISIT MULTAN FERTILIZER PLANT AND DEPART FOR LAHORE 1650-1800 PK656

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - BRIEFING BY WAPDA OFFICIALS RE TARBELA, MANGLA AND CHASMA PROJECTS

- FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - LAHORE TO RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD 1000-1045, VISIT U.S. EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS RE ADB PROJECTS

- MONDAY, AUGUST 28 - VISIT TARBELA AND RETURN TO RAWALPINDI

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 - RAWALPINDI TO QUETTA 1330-1445 PK325, BRIEFING BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK ACTIVITY IN PROVINCE

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 - VISIT LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS DRIVE OF QUETTA AND DEPART FOR KARACHI 1535-1645 PK325

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - DEPART KARACHI

4. IF PROPOSED VISIT IS ACCEPTABLE TO MISSION, REQUEST RESERVATIONS IN INTERCONTINENTAL OR COMPARABLE HOTEL AS UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROPRIATE IN KARACHI (ARRIVING SATURDAY, AUGUST 19); LAHORE AND RAWALPINDI: ALSO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS IN QUETTA. LEFES PLANS TO DEPART KARACHI FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5. WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FOR ADB PROJECTS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS EMBASSY BELIEVES NECESSARY FOR VISITING PROJECTS. LEFES WOULD PREFER TO START DAY'S ACTIVITIES AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE HOUR. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE NAMES OF EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY IN KARACHI AND LAHORE. AS LEFES PLANS TO ARRIVE IN RAWALPINDI BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, HE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH EMBASSY AND USAID STAFF AT THEIR CONVENIENCE ON FRIDAY OR THE WEEKEND.

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